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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, May 29, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	June 10, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Roberta Jackson, VMD, President
Lynn Nellius, LVT, Vice President
Natalie Titus, DVM
Rachel Longfellow, LVT
Ann Sellers, Public Member
Patricia Ennis, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III

MEMBERS ABSENT

Erin Whaley, DVM

ALSO PRESENT

Hetti Brown, Director of DE Office of Animal Welfare

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Jackson called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: House Bill 311 and Senate Bill 201

Ms. Brown explained that Senate Bill 201 passed the Senate and House Bill 311 is on the agenda for Tuesday, June 3, 2014. If the bills pass, they will not take effect until the rules and regulations are in place. House Bill 311 concerns training and certification of animal control officers/constables and gives them more liberty to issue warrants when needed.

The Board asked why they were not included in the Task Force which led to the drafting of these bills. The Board also wanted to know if or when Senate Bill 201 passes can the Board have input regarding training and certification of individuals performing euthanasia in the shelters. Ms. Brown stated that they plan to work with the Dept. of State and the Division concerning the rules and regulations. The Board explained to Ms. Brown that their regulations state that veterinary technicians cannot perform euthanasia, but SB 201 states that

Veterinary Technicians, after certification, will be allowed to perform euthanasia. Ms. Brown stated that there are already shelter standards in place allowing the Veterinarian to make the determination about who can perform euthanasia. Another concern by the Board was how and when euthanasia will be performed. This must be done as humanely as possible. After discussion, the Board still felt that the provision in SB 201 pertaining to veterinary technicians should be removed. In the alternative, the Board asked that language be added stating that the Veterinary Technician would need to be certified and would be able to perform euthanasia only in a shelter setting. Moving forward, the Board would like to have input with respect to euthanasia certification.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment other than Ms. Hetti Brown.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

If needed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Longfellow made a motion, seconded by Dr. Titus, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Wagner
Administrative Specialist III